

**OGWDW Bi-Weekly with OW Senior Leadership Agenda  
November 10, 2021**

- Drinking Water Systems of Note
- Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Review Notice (Awareness)
- Justice40 Initiative (Awareness)
- PFAS Drinking Water Regulation (Awareness)
- Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) (Awareness)
- Fifth Chemical Contaminant List (CCL 5) (Awareness)
- Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts (MDBP) (Awareness)
- Funding Integration Tool for Source Water (FITS)
- Upcoming Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) Briefings

**Drinking Water Systems of Note:**

**Benton Harbor** – On November 2, 2021, EPA issued an order under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act to the city of Benton Harbor, Michigan, based on violations and deficiencies found during a recent, joint federal-state inspection of the water system. EPA has also taken the next steps regarding the filter study which will determine, 1) if certified filters are working as expected to reduce lead, 2) what the sources of lead are in Benton Harbor’s drinking water, and 3) how much lead is present and in what forms. The study is scheduled to begin on or around November 8, 2021. In support of the study, OGWDW has worked with R5 to develop materials including a script to talk to residents, a fact sheet to be distributed at an upcoming Resource Fair and is working on templates to be used for providing sampling results.

**Yakima Valley** – EPA received a petition for emergency action under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act on behalf of the residents of Lower Yakima Valley, Washington, due to nitrates in their drinking water on October 26<sup>th</sup>. OGWDW has been having conversations

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**City of Jackson** – In support of the Administrator’s and Radhika’s upcoming visit, OGWDW is coordinating with Region 4 to provide background materials on the drinking water challenges in Jackson, Mississippi.

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